

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, and 11-28 are currently active in this case. Claims 6, 8, 14, 21, 25 and 28 have been amended by way of the present amendment. All amendments are supported by the specification as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the courtesy of an interview granted by Examiner Tse on Thursday, August 31, 2006. The antecedent basis for various claims elements was discussed. Applicants have amended Claims 6, 8, 14, 21, 25 and 28 for clarity. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended render the claim objections moot.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 18-20, 22-24 and 27, and the allowability of Claims 1-9, 11-17, 21, 25-26, and 28.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned who will be more than happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language.


Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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